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APPLICANT : RAYMOND A. JOAO

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**GROUP 3600** : JANUARY 2, 2002

FOR : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING MARKETING,

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INFORMATION

EXAMINER : P. ELISCA

GROUP : 3621

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed March 30, 2004, wherein

the Examiner rejected Claims 1-8, 17 and 19-20 in view of a prior art reference.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

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